Oct. 21, 1924.

Mr. H.R.Collier,
Goldthwaite, Tex.
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Dear Hardy;

Your photograph duly received and we were all very glad to have you send it. I have placed it in our living room on the stone mantle and we have been trying to decide just whom you resemble. You don't look so much like the Colliers for the reason that all of them are baldheaded so you must take after either your Mother or Grandmother's people.

When I was a school boy down at The Rock, Upson County, there were a lot of Holloway's living in that section down toward Waymonville behind the old Robert Collier plantation and one of them went to school at The Rock by the name of Robert Holloway and you resemble this young man a bit, you likewise have some facial resemblance of the old Andrews family some of whom are still living in that same section and I was just wondering if there was any of the Andrews blood coming in on your Grandmother's side. In other words was Uncle Efford Cobb's wife related to any of these people?

My son, Durward Cuthbert Collier, expects to sail for England about the first of November to be gone two months. We have just sold our Mills here at Barnesville and Macon and he is going to England with a view of studying out some new line of cotton manufacturing that we will go into next spring. We may build a cotton mill out at Piedmont which is now a railroad station on my big farm, this is where my Father lived and where my Grandfather, Robert Marshall Collier, lived about 1860. We now have a railroad going through this place from Atlanta to Ft. Valley and we have some very fine locations there for manufacturing sites but what I want to say is this, that while Durward is in England he expects to visit the burial place and the home of the original Robert Collier from whom we descended. This home is at Stone, Staffordshire County, England and Robert Collier is buried there, this is about sixty miles out from London and Robert was a merchant at one time in London England before his death. He had three sons, two of whom came to Virginia during the seventeenth century, one was named John and the other Charles.

I have all this data and as soon as I can get time to have

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it copied I expect to send it to you all bringing it on down until the present date. Your Great-Great Grandfather who came from Virginia to Georgia, Oglethorpe County, was named Vines Collier and is buried at Old Salem Church, six miles from Lexington, He was the Father of Robert Collier of Upson County from whom you descended. You can show this letter to your Aunt Fannie and perhaps she will be very much interested.

On our big farms at Piedmont, containing 3300 acres, we have this year 1100 acres in cotton and 700 or 800 acres in corn. I use to get about 700 bales of cotton on this farm and 8,000 to 10,000 bushels of corn but the crop this year is very short and we will perhaps get 350 or 325 bales and about enough corn to feed the stock until about the first of February as there is between 80 and 90 mules out there.

In the manufacturing business we sold out the first of October entirely and will have to look up a new game as we got tired of manufacturing knit underwear. I expect to send you a photograph of Durward very shortly also his three little children. Durward is my only son and I have two daughters, one named Evelyn who has been married for three years and my youngest daughter Jessie that graduated last year from Shorter College Rome, is now in Chicago studying voice at the Lyceum Arts Conservatory 1160 N. Dearborn St

Tell your Aunt Fannie that R.O. Jackson, who was a son of Aunt Fletcher that married Rev. J.A. Jackson, and that went to Mineral Wells Texas in 1892 died on the 5th of July this year but left a family of ten children living at Mineral Wells, 116 S.W. Seventh Ave. Oliver was poor for many years after he went to Texas, hardly making a living but happened to marry three different times but in 1918 they struck oil on his land for the last three years has had an income of $15,000 to $25,000 per year. A great pity that he could not have had this income much earlier in life as he had a hard time. All the property my Grandfather gave his Mother during the Civil War was lost except a few acres of land.

We are having ideal weather and each and every member of the family send you their good wishes and most sincere regards.

Sincerely,

P S. Have your Mother and Aunt Fannie both read this letter.